THE WHITE ROSE MISSION.

MRS. MATTHEWN'N WORK AMONG PEOPLE OF HER OWN RACE. As Institution in This City Conducted by Afro-

Americans Siender Resources with Which it has Done Much Good Work Among Chipgren, Wemen, and Men-Things It Aims to De Mrs. Victoria Earle Matthews is a Salvation Army field officer, a College Settlement worker, a missionary, a teacher, a preacher, a Sister of Mercy, all in one, and without being in the least menscious of it. She is the founder of the White Rese Mission, at 234 East Ninety-seventh street. which was organized to elevate the Afro-American youth of the overcrowded upper east side of York. Mrs. Matthews herself is an Afro-American. She was born a slave in Georgia, but has spent the greater part of her life here.

A Sun reporter visited the mission last Friday evening and found about fifty little girls, from sine to fifteen years old, holding a song service They made the whole block ring with their hymns, and many a passer-by stopped to listen. These girls were neatly dressed and well manperod and their enthusiasm was a sight to be-

"These are our cooking class girls," explained Mrs. Matthews. "They are practising to-night for an exhibition which they will give in the pariors of the Society of the Sons of New York at 153 West Fifty-third street on the last day of April from 2 in the afternoon until 7, It's going to be a rather odd affair, I think, Admittance is free, but the students of cookery will have home-made bread, pastry, cakes, candy and so on for sale, and the sewing classes will also exhibit specimens of their work and offer articles for sale. It is hoped that the proceeds of this exhibition will provide for the continu

ance of the cooking class.

"But you came to see what work is being done at the mission, Well, I'm glad of that, I was very much misrepresented in a previous article about this work a few weeks ago, and, while I know it was altogether unintentional, it has put me in a false position with my peopl with these Afro-Americans, for whom I would give my very life, and has lessened the effective ness of my work among them. When and how did we start! Well, to begin at the beginning, nearly three years ago I lost my only child, a 16-year-old boy, and immediately my heart went out to other secole's boys, and girls, too, for that matter. went down to Alabama, visited Tuskeree and ested in the work being done for the colored race in that State. I was being persuaded to go into the work there when a minister here wrote, begging me to come back here and start practical work among my people. In this district, lying between Fifty-ninth and 127th streets, from Park to First avenue, there are about 6,000 Afro-Americans, who have mostly been driven away from Bieecker street by the influx of Italians. I found that this was my field, so I began to visit the families. I selected the enes I thought needed me most, and tried to be a real friend to the unothers. When I went into a house to call and found an overburdened mother preparing a meal in an unpalatable way. If found a woman doing her laundrywork, I turned in and helped her do her rinsing, and so we came to know and love each other. Then I bogan to hold mothers' meetings at the various homes where I visited; and you may not believe this, but one day at one of these race in that State. I was being persuaded to go

and so we came to show and 1978 san class. Then I began to hold mothers' meetings at the various homes where I visited; and you may not believe this, but one day at one of these meetings we prayed especially for a permanent begin where we might train the boys and girls and make a social centre for them where the only influences would be good and true and pure. Almost immediately Mr. Winthrop Phelps, who owns this spartment house, offered us this flat rent free for three months to make our experiment. We opened here Feb. II, 1897.

"The first thing I realized was that we had pound and no furniture. I went to see Mrs. Lucy Bainbridge, superintendent of the Women's Hranch of New York City Missions, told her of my work, what I'd done, how long I'd been at it, and the prospects, and asked her what she could do. She said that her society had no jurisdiction above Fourteenth street, and she could not aid me through her organization. But she has been a most helpful friend to the work. At once she took me to the West Side Preshyterian Church, in Forty-second street, and the West Side Collegiate Church, where I received the privilege of setting forth this work. I didn't ask for money, but the people were at once interested and sent me chairs, ranges, goves and loads of clothing to distribute. Since then I've spoken in several churches, and so we furnished our little place as you see it.

"Suppose I show you through it. You see, the sitting room where the girls are singling is quite coxy and so is this little library. Next is a spare bedroom and beyond is our matron's room. She is Mrs. A. M. Brooks and she is more than a house mother; she is a heart mother. Let me explain right here that all our workers are Afro Americans and most of them are poor, hard-

She is Mrs. A. M. Brooks and she is more than a house mother; she is a heart mother. Let me replain right here that all our workers are Afro-Americans and most of them are poor, hardworking women. None of them receives a cent of pay, but all volunteer their services. They are faithful and zealons, and this work means much sacrifice of valuable time on their part. Mrs. Brooks looks after the house, and we hope in time to have a much wider sphere for her; but that's running ahead of my story. This room, as is plainly evident, is where the cocking classes are taught. Can you find a more spick and span kitchen anywhere! We have another vooking room in the flat across the hall, which we also occupy. Now we'll go over there and have the kinder garten teacher show us her room.

"This is the teacher, Miss Alice Ruth Moore," continue: Mrs. Matthews, introducing a graceful young woman, and her eyes twinkled mischievously, "Or rather she was Miss Moore until a month ago," she added. "Now she is Mrs. Paul Luwrence Dunbar, wife of the Afro-American poet. They were quietly married, and tew know it yet, but Mr. Dunbar is going to take her to Washington on Sunday, and I know the kinier; arten pupils are going to be heartbroken." How many have you!" saked the reporter. How many have you !" asked the reporter,

"How many have you I" asked the reporter, addressing Mrs. Dunbar."

"The day we began," she answered, "fifty two came, and the number soon ran up to 114., We couldn't handle so many for lack of room, so we made an age limit. Now we have more than sixty under P years old. I devote every Sakurday afternoon to them, and have trained Esther Joseph, the young woman who is playing the ornau for the children, to take my place. She has not only spent every Sakurday here with me, but has come to my home in Brooklyn for special instruction in kindergarten work and is a promising teacher. When I first brought the colored worsteds, papers, card, and other kindergarten materials, the children were wild over thom. You see what beautiful work they do, and they haven't lost a particle of their interest. It is sad that we can't teach all who want to come."

"Miss Moore furnished a great deal of the holograften material out of her own pocket." When the holograften material out of her own pocket. When the holograften material out of her own pocket. When the holograften material out of her own pocket. When the holograften material out of her own pocket. When the holograften material out of her own pocket. When the holes have the same that the holograften material out of her own pocket. When the holes had been to be to use in her work, she slick he gave to her to use it her work, she slick he gave to her to use it her work, she slick her and a character of her own pocket, she slick he gave to her to use it her work, she son ther to the Horace heard of our work, she sont her to the Horace heard of our work, she sont her to the Horace heard of our work, she sont her to the Horace heard of our work, she sont her to the Horace heard of our work, she sont her to the Horace heard of our work, she sont her to the Horace heard of our to the fact that she had on manual training out the fact that she had on manual training out the fact that she had no manual training out the fact that she had no manual training out the fact that she had no m

alms is to meet the demand for such a training school in time. A great many women who work out come and offer its pay Miss Revier for a course of lessons, but she gives all her spare time to tracking the mission girls free of charge. "On Thursday afternoons at 2:30 o clock I conduct my mothers' meeting, where every mother brings as many babies as she pleases, we have little heart-to-heart talks, and I endeavor to instead thom in the proper care of their children and homes. We talk about ventilation, sanitation and hygiene in a very simple way, and they loarn a great deal that helps them to make their homes brighter and seweter. The fathers and young men are not neglected. The flev. Mr. Miller conducts a men's meeting every Tuesday night, and it is in my work with the fathers and mothers that that sricle I referred to previously has hurt me so much. I was quisted as saying that the men were famous for their idleness, and when they did work they spent their money improvidently; that the women were brutally beaten and young girls subjected to insult hand degradation; that they were always in cutting scrapes, wife beatings, and drunken brawls. I said not a single one of those things, because they are absolutely untrue. These are my people, and what I say about them reflects on me. How do I know but what I may be dealing with my own flesh and blood here, or with some of my husband's blood kin! There are some debraved men and women in this Afro-American settlement, but there are bad white men and women in every locality in New York. Morality does not belong to any one class or color. My people have had exceedingly limited opportunities. Limit the opportunities of any race and I doubt if the results would be any better than those shown in the conditions prevailing in this section, known as 'the Hollow.' The landlords owning properly here agree that the colored race are paccable and more cleanly than some others; they are naturally religious and passionately fond of music, which her sympathy and power of getting hold o

the darkness the bearer of a specific measage to an overworked mother, a discouraged father, a suffering sister or brother.

"I do an enormous amount of visiting, assisted by Mrs. Annie Politte," resumed Mrs. Matthews. "Some days we have visited ninety-geven families. We visit the sick and call on people generally. When we find cases needing help we apply be the nearest church. If aid is not to be had there we turn to the Society for Improving the Condition of the Peor. This organization has been most ready to aid us. Many need only a friendly word. We encourage all to read the Bible and to go to church.

"The work of the White Rose Mission is wholly undenominational, but we educate toward the churches. We are sustained entirely by voluntary contributions and workers. Mrs. Collis P. Huntington has baid our rent for a year, and henevolent men and women from time to time contribute small sums to the work. We have never asked for money, for from the beginning our plan here in this settlement work has been to let the success of our work demonstrate the need for its continuance. When the public once becomes aware of what we are doing to make the White Rose grow and blossom in the Hollow' until it becomes a garden of purified homes sweet for the Master's use, we hope to get the institution we long for. That is, a big industrial home. Its upper stories will be a place where girls and women out of work and those coming to the city strangers can find a safe, comfortable lodging place at a nominal cost. The lower floor we hope to devots to classrooms, a gymnasium for these poorly developed children, and a social hall where they can pass their evenings surrounded by good influences. Our faith is large enough to believe that all this and more will be accomplished."

FAST RUN TO AND FROM BERMUDA The Steamship Trinidad Makes a Record

The Quebec line steamship Trinidad, which arrived yesterday from Bermuda, made a record round trip between that port and New York. She sailed from New York on Tuesday last and reached Bermuda on Thursday. She discharged her cargo, took on another and a large number of passengers within four hours, and sailed or Thursday afternoon. She made the trip up in 46 hours and 50 minutes, which is at the rate of somewhat more than fourteen knots an hour. Some of our coasters can make a few knots bet tor than this, but they do not go to Bermuda.

Among the Trinidad's passengers were Mrs. G. D. Barker, wife of the Governor of Bermuda, who sails on Wednesday on the White Star who sails on Wednesday on the White Star ateamship Majestic: Capt. W. H. Lord of the Second Worcestershire Regiment. Gen. Hastings, who is a friend of President McKinley, and R. H. James, who comes to New York to sell the iron ocean tug Britannia to the United States in case we should need her in our mosquito fleet. As the Trinidad left her pier at Bermuda the band of the Second Worcestershire Regiment played the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the Queen," creating much enthusiasm and professions of fellowship among British and American passengers.

GOOD MUSIC BY COLLEGE BOYS Union's Glee Club Gives a Well-Attended Con cert at Carnegie Hall.

The undergraduates of Union Coll rare treat to friends of the college who like music at a concert last night in the Chamber Music Hall of Carnegie Hall. The purpose of the concert was to raise funds for the Alumni Association, and it was under the patronage of many well-known women, among them Mrs. Daniel Butterfield, Mrs. Gen. Horace Porter, Mrs. E. H. Kennedy, Mrs. Clark Brooks, Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont, Mrs. Frederick W. Seward

Daniel S. Lamont, Mrs. Frederick W. Seward, Mrs. Robert C. Alexander, Mrs. Andrew H. Smith, and Mrs. Edgar S. Barney.

The glee club was led by Frank McMahon, and it aang with marked success. The instrumentals were students who were adepts with the mandolin, guitar, and banjo, and they were encored after each number. The most popular numbers were a Cuban song, written by F. Hastings of the class of '75, rendered by the gice singers, and Sousa's "Stars and Stripes for Ever," played on mandolins. The audience was a large one. a large one.

BOGUS BOARD OF TRADE CIRCULAR Menry B. Schoffeld Arrested for Soliciting Con tributions with It.

Henry B. Schofield of 114 West 134th stree and Edward P. Bostwick of 64 West Ninetieth street were arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Sheehan of the Charles street station Schoffeld, it is alleged, was hired some weeks ago by Secretary Frank L. Gardner of the Board of Trade and Transportation to solicit subscrip tions for defraying the legitimate expenses in curred in the endeavor to put through the Legislature the bill for the reduction of telephon

rates. The bill failed of passage, after which, it is said, Schofield appeared with a circular, purporting to be signed by Mr. Gardner, calling for more subscriptions to aid him in the passage of the measure next year. On the strength of this, it is alleged, Schofield collected more money. Bostwick was with him in West street yesterday and Policeman Sheeban arrested both of them as auspicious characters. When Mr. Gardner was sent for he declared that the circular bearing his name was spurious.

PASSENGER SWAM ASHORE.

Story of an Italian Who Jumped Overboo from the Stenmship Aller.

While the North German Lloyd steamship Aller was leaving her pier at Hoboken yester day morning an Italian, who was among the steerage passengers, jumped overboard from the stern of the vessel and swam to the pier. Police men Weihe and Garrick dragged him out of the men Weihe and Garrick dragged him out of the water and took him to the boiler room on the pier, where his clothing was dried.

The man said he was Carona Salvadore of Palermo, Italy. His story was that a priest in Brooklyn sent him aboard the Aller to deliver \$20 to a man supposed to be a passenger. He was searching for the man when the Aller left the pier, and he was obliged to jump overboard to reach shore.

Salvadore had \$20.65 in his pockets. The officials of the steamship company doubted his story, and believing that he was one of the sixty paupers who had been ordered to return to Italy on the Aller, sent him to the Barge Office in this city in order that his story might be investigated.

Van Norden-Talcatt.

The wedding of Miss Grace Talcott and War ner de la Montagnie Van Norden took place yesterday afternoon in the Fifth Avenue Presby-terian Church, which was crowded with bridal guests. The Rev. Abbott E. Kittredge per formed the coremony. The builders of the core guests. The Rev. Abbott E. Kittredge per formed the ceremony. The bridesmaids were Miss Edith Talcott, sister of the bride; Miss Florence Takcott, a consin; Miss Masbel Hedges, and Miss Cora L. Van Norden, the bridegroom's sister. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Van Norden, and H. R. Crawford, E. V. Tool, R. H. Baldwin, F. Talcott, A. Wood, and W. Laimbeer were the ushers. Mr. and Mrs James Tale; "the bride's parents, gave a reception siter the church ceremony at their home, ? West Fifty seventh street.

ORATORIO SOCIETY PESTIPAL ht to a Close by a Perfermance of

The fourth and last performance of Mr. Dan rosch's oratorio festival was given last evening Mendelssohn's "Elijah" received a worthy presentation with the aid of the following sololata: Misa Jennie Patrick Walker, soprano; Miss Gertrude Stein, contraîte; Mr. Evan Williams, tenor, and Mr. Ffrangeon Davies, baritone. The latter may be said to have been absolutely faultless in his work. It was a superb rendering that he offered his audience, large, smooth and beautiful in tone, exquisitely phrased and infused with the most noble and generous dramatic fervor. Mr. Davies sang entirely without notes. Not far behind him in excellence came Mr. Evan Williams, who sustained his rôle with refined taste, warm-heartedness, and exceeding loveliness of voice. Miss Walker was reliable. Miss Stein received hearty applause after the favorite aria, "O rest in the Lord." All the concerted pieces went smoothly and in good tune. "Elijah" was long ago one of the works that the Gratorio Society had pol shed and finished up to a state of much perfec

with never-falling delight.

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At the close of the performance Mr. Damrosch had many hearty recalls, and, being urged to address the audience, he made a very adequate, interesting, and sensible speech, somewhat to this effect:

Laddes and Gentlemen: I thank you very much for your kind recention this evening. I thank you on behalf of the Oratorio Society, which has struggled long and nobly to hold itself together and to do good work. In a city given over almost entirely to the rush and strain of commercial enterprise it is a grand mission to be able to give something of the high and ideal in art, and that is what the Oratorio Society has accomplished and will continue to do if you will help. But it is you, you the musical public, that must do your part. It is not enough for you to come to hear the old "Messiah" and the old "Elijah" or the "Creation," you must come to hear new works and encourage the society to give them. You must come not only to hear Brahma's "Beculem" and Berlioz's "Te Deum," but you must patronize the works of American composers. For how can we ever have a national music fame or how can musiclams learn except by contemplating their own nistakes in their works where produced! Do not forget that the public has its duty also, and you will perhaps give me credit for unselfshness in urging this, as you are aware that I may not be among you again, at least for some little time.

"The Legend of Saint Christopher," which

"The Legend of Saint Christopher." which was given on Friday afterboon, as the third concert of the Damrosch testival, seemed to please the audience. A numerous assemblage, much larger than had gathered at any previous performance of the series, was present, and there was considerable applanes. Nearly the whole of this was pointedly aimed toward a box wherein at the composer. Mr. Horatio Parker. At the close of each division of the score Mr. Damrosch turned towards the left gallery, nodding, miling and clapping his hands. Following their leader in this as in the rest of his indications, which the audience, not to be outdone in politic charps, attempted to rival, until a small ovation

ing and clapping his hands. Following their leader in this as in the rest of his indications, the chorus began vociferous demonstrations, which the audience, not to be outdone in politic charm, attempted to rival, until a small ovation was offered to the dark complexioned gentleman who stood bowing repeatedly and profoundly from his elevated position.

Mr. Parker, born in Boston some thirty-four years ago, is now full professor of music at Valcollege. The cantata under consideration is marked opus 43, and was performed Friday for the first time. The libretic, quite an excellent one, is by the composer's mother, lasbella Parker, and treats of the well-known but always beautiful legend of the grand good slave Offerus, who would serve only the highest monarch—him who knew not fear. Thus he is first the vasal of the greatest earthly King Orieus, whom he leaves to enter the service of Satan. Seing, however, that his potent master fears the cross, he scorns him in turn, and, still seeking ever the highest is at last rewarded by being allowed to serve the Christ child. The book gives opportunity for music to be varied from that sung by Satan's hordes to churchly songs and angelic strains. Earthly choruses are brought in by the voices of the populace that beg Offerus not to leave them. The characters are Offerus, and Master Harry Smith.

While Mr. Parker's composition shows real talent, and gives evidence of scholarly attainment also, yet it can never be classed in the highest rank with works of gonius. That it will live in the repertory of singing societies can scarcely be doubted, for in the first place the story is an attractive one, and then there is a large amount of the music that is pleasant to sing and not unpleasing to bear. Considerable ingenuity is often discoverable and the writer marches forward with a confident boldness that in itself is attractive and comfortable. He is not only not a master of moods in music but he has not the faintest idea of the existence of such a thing. He cannot possibly be dramati

the religious music Mr. Parker finds his congenial field. Contrapuntally he is r, and the religious vein seems to nost congenial to him. There are poroff the score of "St. Christopher" which point decidedly also to the fact that he might succeed in very light opera.

The work would have undoubtedly been heard to better advantage if a more generous number of rehearsals could have been given to it.

CONGO RAILROAD COMPLETED. A Locemotive at Stanley Pool Eight Years

After the Great Work Began. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, April 16.-The Congo Railroad has een completed at last and the first locomotive has arrived at Stanley Pool. This notable event occurred on March 16 and the news reached the coast by telegraph on the same day, whence it was forwarded to Brussels by steamer.

Twenty years have clapsed since Stanley wrote that the vast resources of the Congo could never be thrown open to the world until a railroad was built around the 235 miles of rapids in the lower Congo. The actual work of grading the roadbed began in March. 1890, and the great work has thus occupied eight years. The road is 240 miles in length, and connects the outside world with about 10,000 miles of navigable waters above Stanley Pool.

The road is by far the largest river in Africa, both in espect of the extent of its dasin and of the volume of water which it carries down to the sea. could never be thrown open to the world until a

DID SHE POISON HERSELF?

Woman Who Registered at the Grand Palon

Last Night Died Soon After. A woman about 60 years old, dressed in black. came into the office of the Grand Union Hotel
at 10 o'clock last night and asked the hotel
clerk for a room. She said she was ill.
Instead of registering her name she handed to
the clerk a card on which was written "Mrs.
Shurlin, Newark, N. J."
A chambermaid took her up to room 113 Shurlin, Newark, N. J."

A chambermaid took her up to room 113. She locked herself in the room. An hour later the chambermaid heard her groaning and found her lying on the floor with part of her clothing off.

Dr. Billings, the hotel physician, was summoned. He found the woman dying of laudanum poisoning. She died shortly after.

Bix Mare Shoplifters at Siegel-Cooper's Six shoplifters were arrested yesterday after oon in the Siegel-Cooper Company's store be

tween 4:30 and 6:30 o'clock. They were charge tween 4:30 and 6:30 o'clock. They were charged with stealing things as follows: Mary Allen, 58, of 574 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, a nair of opera glasses valued at \$4.75; Julia Dillon, 40, of 337 Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn, a breastpin worth \$2.60; Edward Welsh, 26, of 157 Bleecker street, and Dan Lyons, 28, of 123 Carmine street, two overcoats worth \$19,55 apiece; Mary Ryan, 29, of 353 West 1156 apiece, Mary Ryan, 29, of 353 West 1156, 156 apiece, 22 29 worth of stuff, and Louise Barbour, 17, of 148 Eighth avenue, \$15.75 worth. They were all arrested by the store detective, Charles Wund, and locked up in the West Thirdeth street station. Three shoplifters were arrested in the store the day before.

Committed suicide by Sumplug Into the Biver A tall man, apparently about 30 years old, wearing dark clothes and a derby hat, committed suicide last night by jumping into the North River from the pier at the foot of Houston street. The man's name was not known to the police, and the body had not been recovered at midnight.

Where Youterday's Fires Were. A. M.-1903, 240 West 135d street, Jacob Peyse

A. M.—12:03, 240 West 135d street, Jacob Peyser, damage 2200: 9:05, 778 First avenue, United Dressed Beef Company, damage slight, 3:50, 235 East 100th street, Union Arthelle Clink, damage 23th 10:50, 254 West Eighty-foucht street, John D. Dumber, damage 3100.

P. M.—2:32, 174 East 120th street, J. S. Purdy, damage slight; 5:50, 168 tireene street, so name, damage trifling; 5:15, 141 West 100th street, Feter feur, damage trifling; 5:15, 141 West 100th street, Feter feur, damage trifling; 5:25, 5:35 Clarendon Hall, 115 East Thisteeuth street, Gart a & Lubin, damage 55,000; 122, 53 Second avenue, Malleria & Co, damage 225; 5:45, 906 First avenue, Charles Eroets, damage trifling; 9:55, 00 West 118th street, Abrander Goldman, damage trifling.

DISORDER IN MATANZAS.

THE CITIZENS RISE AGAINST THE NEW OCTROL DUTLES.

Many Rictors Arrested, but the Authorities Becide That It is Best to Remove the Obnexious Tax-Premisent Spaniards Are Leaving Cuba for Spain-The Spanish Generale day Havana's Dell'ences Are Adequate.

HAVANA, April 16,-Mataneas city is in a riotous condition. The grocers and their clerks gathered yesterday in the main square or Plaza le Armas to protest against the new bando of the Mayor of the city imposing octroiduties on all provisions imported into Matanzas. In spite of the many appeals made to their

patriotism as Spaniards in the present grave situation of the country, the rioters went on shouting "Death to the municipality" and "Down with the taxes," and paraded the streets

in a threatening manner.

A strong group of rioters gathered in front of the Palace of the Governor, Seflor Don Francisco de Armas, and indulged in all sorts of insulting language and threats.

The police tried to arrest the leader of the rioters, a grocer, but the rioters defended him and a hard fight ensued. At last, it is officially reported, the police dispersed the mob and arrested among the rioters a city counsellor and several well-known merchants, who were all locked up.

A second despatch says that the Civil Guards

are patrolling the streets to keep public order, and that a committee of merchants called on the Governor to propose a compromise between the authorities and the rioters. Since yesterday all the stores in the city have been closed as protest against the new taxes. Though a promise was made to the Governor by a com mittee of merchants which called at the palace that the stores would be opened again, they still remain closed.

At a late hour it is announced that the n sicipality of Matansas, yielding to the rioters. has suspended the octroi duties. During the riots all the Consuls and consular agents raised the flags of their nations at their offices for the protection of foreigners. The only flag that was not seen was the American flag.

The American steamer Segurança left this port to-day for New York unmolested. She carries a great number of passengers.

On board of the Versailles, which sailed yesterday for Europe, many well-known per-sons left, besides those whose names have already been cabled to THE SUN. Among them is the Count of Macurijes, a prominent member of the Conservative party and President of the Union Club of this city. Señor Leopoldo Golcoechea, an Autonomis Deputy, is also among the passengers. It is said here that the City of Washingto

from New York, will stop at Key West on her way here. Capt, Luis Pastor, commander of the port of Havana, who went to Porto Rico on the Viscays, returned here to-day on the transatlantic

steamer Montevideo. The military preparations for war against the United States are going on with great activity. According to La Lucha, the Spanish Generals who conferred yesterday with Governor-General Blanco are entirely satisfied with the defence of this city and with the plans of campaign agreed upon during the conference, which lasted over two hours. La Lucha says that war with the United States is the only solution of the Cuban problem

for Spaniards and Cubans alike, The Diario de la Marina, commenting upor the prospect of war, says that the superiority of the Spaniards over the Americans is beyond dispute. Foreign nations, says the Diario, respect Spain, while the United States is despised. Spain has granted an armistice and autonomy. The United States now has no ground upon which to interfere, because Sagasta outwitted McKinley. The Diarie finally makes a long parallel between Uncle Sam and Don Quixote, nd says that " while the former is merely a Jew merchant the latter is a Christian gentleman. La Union Constitucional says also that the American people are frightened by every re-

Spaniards are eager to begin the fight. STANDS BY THE PRESIDENT. Republican Club, on Dr. Depow's Motion, Sends

ported move of the Spanish Navy, while

on a Vote of Confidence. There was a smoker at the Republican Club house on Fifth avenue last night, attended by about 250 of the members. In the middle of the evening, Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, President of the club, came in and was greeted with loud demands for a speech. He responded by talking on the topic which was expected of "In the present crisis," he said, "our first

duty as citizens and as Republicans is to stand by the President of the United States. The Republican party elected him, and the Republican Club helped elect him, and now we must back him up and stand for him against the hawling of the mob. Remember that the mob howled against Lincoln for signing the Emancipation Proclamation and against Grant for reusing to hang Jefferson Davis and Gen. Lee President McKinley has proved himself in this troublous time, by his courage, firmness, and strength, an honor to his country and his party. and I believe that we should let him know tha we are with him."

Resolutions were quickly formulated and passed with a whoop authorizing Dr. Depew to telestraph to the President that the Republican telegraph to the President that the Republican Club inderses his policy, and with every confience in his fidelity, patriotism, and wisdom, helieves that the question of war may be left in his hands with perfect confidence that whatever he shall; do will be for the nations best interests. Dr. Depew said that he would send the telegram as soon as he got time to write it out. Ex-Mayor Strong made a speech in which he dilated upon the Republican Club's responsibility as a bulwark to the honor of the country.

This is the despatch as finally sent: "The Republican Club at one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in its history, unanimously passed the following resolutions and directed me, as its President, to send it to you:

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"The Republican Club of New York approves and indorses the message of President McKinley to Congress as a wise and statesmanlike expression of our relations with Spain and our duty in this crisis. The conduct of our negotiations on the Cuban question by the President has preserved the best traditions of American diplomacy, and the issue of peace or war to secure liberty and order for Cuba, and the rights and justice imperatively demanded by the American people, can safely be left to the wisdom and patriotism of the President of the United States.

"CHAUNCEY M. DEFEW."

To Command the Gulf Patrol Service.

NEW OBLEANS, La., April 16,-Lieut, Wadnams received his commission to-day to command the Gulf patrol service from Mobile to Galveston, a distance of 440 miles, and covering the entire Louisians, Alabama, and Mississippi coast and part of Florida. Lieut. Wadhams will have under his command twenty-two-vessels, mainly fast-going tugs and other small craft. Each vessel will police and patrol twenty miles of coast, so that it will be impossible for any Spanish vessel to approach without being seen.

Boston Naval Reserves Man the Catakill. PHILADELPHIA, April 16.-The monitor Cats

kill, manned by a detachment of Boston naval reserves, was commissioned at League Island at 10:10 o'clock this morning. A detachment of ninety reserves from Boston arrived at the navy yard at moon. The greater part went on board the Catskill. The others were assigned to the behigh. The Catskill is scheduled to leave for Boston next Tuesday. It is said that it will take at least two weeks to get the Jason ready to go to New York.

One American Consul in Cuba Who Was Forgotten.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- One American consular officer was forgotten by the State Depart-ment in its instructions to Consuls in Cuba to leave the island. He is Alfredo T. Triay, Vice-Consul at Baracos. A cable message from Mr. Triay, dated Santiago de Cuba, was received at the department to-day. He said he had reached that port and wanted permission to leave for the United States. The permission was telegraphed.

The Bolphin Joins the Key West Fleet. KEY WEST, April 16.—The Dolphin joined the fleet to-day. The Fern arrived with ammuniWHAT SOCIETY IN DOING.

Socially matters are topay-turvy as a reof the war scarp. Some of the beaux are buckionable military organizations. Others are starting off on tours to be out of the way. starting off on tours to be out of the way. While havoc has been played with many of the projected weddings others have been hastened by the crists. Among the latter is the engagement of Arthur Amory, Jr., and Mies Mabel Sard. Mr. Amory recently joined the Tweffth Regiment and has been paying a visit to the parents of hir flanceo, Mr. and Mrs. Grange Sard, at Albany. On Wednesday he tore himself away, osine to town, and was determined that his engagement should be made public before he was called off to possible battle scenes.

The marriage of Miss Emilia Corré Anthon. the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward Anthon of 29 East Thirty-third street, to Mr. F. T. Reamer has been postponed Indefin-Itely. It was to have taken place on April 30, and the cards were to have been sent out en Tuesday last. But Miss Anthon was taken fil on that day, and on Weducsday an operation for appendicitis was performed. Her life was despaired of for several days, and yesterday for the first time she showed some improvement.

The many friends of Miss Daisy Grinnell and F. Harold Van Rensselaer will be surprised to hear that their marriage is to take place within a fortnight. Mr. Van Renssalaer, on the receipt of a cablegram, sailed hurriedly for Europe on April 2. He neither had time to mention his proposed departure or say good-by to his friends. At the moment Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minturn Grinnell and their daughter and Mr. Van Remselaer are at Nagles. The wedding, which is to be a large affair, will take place at the rplendic establishment of Mr. and Mrs. Ridley Watts at Nice. Mrs. Watts is Mr. Grinnell's sister. The Grinnells have passed so much of their time abroad for the past several years that their acquaintance is extensive, Moreover, they have a large family connection, including the Duers, Waddingtons, Willie Jay Chapmans, Schujiers, and others. The invitation, which will be sent out probably by tomorrow, will be extensive. rope on April 2. He neither had time to men-

Among other relatives abroad who will be at the wedding will be James J. Van Alen, brother of Mrs. Grinnell, and the Misses Van Alen, who are now in London for the season. The engagenent of the young couple, it will be recalled was announced very soon after Miss Grinnell was introduced, at a tea given by her parents. The family were then living for the winter in West Thirty-seventh atrect. Miss Grinnell, who is a handsome girl of the blonde type, was regarded as the most popular debutante of the past season. She is prospectively rich, and aryanddaughter of Henry Grinnell, who fitted out a ship which he sent in search of Sir John Franklin in the Arctics. Mr. Van Rensselaer is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer. His maternal grandmother, Mrs. A. Gracie King of Weehawken, whose maiden name was Duer, was the first President of the original Society of Colonial Dames. was announced very soon after Miss Grinnell

While the Van Rensulaer-Grinnell wolding has been hastened the Mackay-Duer nuptials are not l'kely to take place until a later date than had been fixed. Mrs. J. W. Mackay will not now reach here before June. She will bring with her Princess Colonna, her niece and adopted adopter, and Miss Telfner, daughter of Countess Telfner, also a niece. Miss Katherine Nellson, who has been mentioned as one of the bridgemaids of this event, sailed on last Tuesday or Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Henshaw Ward, who sailed by the Lucania on Saturday, April 9, will spend the season in London. They have arranged for apartments at the Walsingham, which will for apartments at the Walsingham, which will give them room for entertaining. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have many British friends, and and Mr. Ward will unite business with pleasure, as he now has a branch office in London. It is still undecided whether the Wards will return to this aide late in the summer. If they do not, they will spend August at Homburg. As the Prince of Wales has signified his intention of going to the resort, there will, of course, be a revival of gayety there.

The engagement will be announced at Louis ville to-day of Hermann D. Newcomb. to one of the most admirable belles of that city. Mr. Newcomb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Victor New comb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Victor New-comb, and is prospectively very rich. Mrs. New-comb has just returned from a visit to the family of her son's fiancée. She is charmed with her future daughter-in-law. The Newcombs, as usual at this period of the year, are undecided as to their summer plans. There have been changes recently at Elberon, and in consequence they will miss some of their old neighbors if they occupy their cottage thers. Gen. and Mrs. Horace Porter, now in France, have sold their splendid Elberon establishment, and so have the Pan-coasts. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., have

returned to their residence, 12 West Thirty sixth street. This house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Gebhard for a while after and Mrs. Frederic Gebhard for a while after Mrs. Richard Irvin left it, Mrs. Gebhard is a niece of Mrs. Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have been paying a two weeks' visit to Mrs. Vanderbilt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson. They became somewhat alarmed when they heard that there had been three cases of typhoid in the Thirty-sixth street house, the latest that of Mr. Gebhard's butler, and they called in sanitary numbers. It was found that an entire renewal and change was absolutely necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, having returned from Alken, S. C., are again at their nome here. Sr. whiteey has much of his father's business to attend to, Mr. William C, Whitney being detained in the South by the accident which Mrs. Whitney sustained while riding. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney will open their Newport cottage early in the season. Mr. and Mrs. Almeric Paret, who had a Newport villa in contemplation, have decided on lar Harbor as a summer residence. The damp Newport climate, it seems, does not suit them.

J. Norman De R. Whitehouse remained here for a very brief period last week. He arrived in time to assist as usher at the Clarkson-Clarkson marriage. On Wednesday he went South. His wedding with Miss Vera Boarman, on Saturday, April 30, will take place at the home of urday, April 30, will take place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. F. E. Baldridge, at Huntsville, Ala. The distance will preclude the presence of New York friends, and E. Julius Whitehouse, who is to be his brother's best man, will be the only attendant from this city. Mr. Whitehouse and his bride will reach New York in time to sail on'the Fulda for Genon on May 7. After visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Rem-sen Whitehouse in Rome, they will travel for a couple of months, visiting France, Switz-erland, Germany, and England.

It seems Mr. Whitehouse and Mr. Sears of Boston both met their future brides at the same time at Aiken, S. C. Mr. Sears and Miss Langhorn were married in Virginia at Thanksgiving Whitehouse, when he returns in July from abroad, proposes to take a cottage July from abroad, proposes to take a cottage at Hempstead. Just now this is talked of also by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gebhard, Mr. Geb-hard has of late been solourning at the Wal-dorf. Astoria. Mrs. Gebhard has meanwhile been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, at Baltimore. She is busy helping her sister, Miss Mildred Morris, to select trousseau linery for her marriage with Frank Pendleton.

Referring to Hempstead cottages recalls the fact that Sydney J. Smith, who is on Gen. Louis Fitzgerald's staff, was one of many kept in form last Thursday on account of war talk. He was afraid to go even to Hempstead. It is said that the Hempstead set will be well represented at the wedding of the nopular Episcopalian elergyman of the place, the Rev. Creighton Spencer. This is to take place at Grace Church on April 20.

George R. Dyer will take the place of J. Norman De R. Whitehouse in the latter's absence at the Vatable-Stokes wedding to-morrow. This will take place at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Thomas Stokes, 8 West Fifty-third atreet. The Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst of the Madison Square Church will perform the cersmony. Jules J. Vatable is a Roman Catholic, while Miss Elizabeth Cossitt Stokes is a Presbyterian. In many similar cases here recently, though the privinge of relection is conceeded to the brides by loing-established usage, the bridegrooms have carried the day. Consequently the friends of Miss Stokes regard her course with approval. Miss Stokes gave a bridal dinner last evening at her home, when the floral decorations were extremely pretty. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCornick of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Randert McM. Gillespie, nee Stokes; Miss Katherine Dodge, George H. Dyer, J. G. Phelios-Stokes, Miss Ada Godfrey, Ernest Iselin, Miss Edith Hyde, Francis J. Otis, Miss Julia Fay Bradley, Harry P. Robbins, Miss Julia Clark, Frederic A. Juilliard, Miss Lulu Talmodge, Auguste S. Vatable, and, of course, Jules J. Vatable, After the dinner there was a bridal rehearsal and an impromptu dance. hurst of the Madison Square Church will per-

The Rev. and Mrs. D. Parker Morgan started ast Tuesday on a six weeks' trip to California. They are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Humph reys, who have their own private car. Dr. Humphreys, who is immonsely rich, is more than 80 years old, and has recently been troubled with his eyes, but has undergone a success-

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. Monday, April 18. Miss Edith Seymour Johnson and Edward De Clifford Chisbolm will be married_at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fisher Johnson, 11 East Sixty-third street. Sorosia's memorial day will be celebrated at the Waldorf-Astoria from 2 to 4 o'cluck. A testimonial performance will be given for Clarence Andrews by the Board of Directors of the Society of Musical Arts in the Astoria ball-

Tuesday, April 19.

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Miss Blanche Aucaigne and Emil Arno will be married in the West End Collegiats Church, West End avonue and Seventy-seventh street.

Miss Emma D. Meurer and Frederic M. Spleyle will be married in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Convent avenue and 141st street, at 8 o'clock.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee of the Babies' Wards in the Post-Graduate Hospital have sent out cards for a reception at the hospital from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The third and last rectal by Mrs. Grenville Snelling and W. J. Henderson, at the residence of Mrs. John E. Cowdin, 13 Gramercy Park.

The third tournament this year of the Junior Badininton Club, at the Berkeley Armory.

The Knickerbocker Chapter, D. A. R., will celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

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Miss Constance Trenholm and Dr. Russell
Bellamy will be married in St. Thomas's Church
at 4 o'clock,

Miss Ethel Sanders and William S. Gould
will be married in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

Miss Geraldine Smith and Asa Hammond
Payne will be married in St. Agnes's Chapel, in
West Ninety-second street, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Edith Helen Moser and Samuel de la
Plaine Ellis, Jr., will be married at the home
of the bride's mother, Mrs. William Moser, 19
East Fifty-seventh street.

Miss Maud Zoe Wilson and Frederic Moss
will be quietly married at the Hotel San Remo.

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Miss Katharine Verplanck Colvin and Arthur Livingston Buckhout will be married in
Holy Trinity Church, Lenox avenue.

Miss Tillie A. Randolph and Walter Carhart
will be married in the Mizpah Presbyterian
Chapel on West Fifty-seventh street.

Miss May A. Holland and Dr. James J. Carey
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Miss May Kathryn Irvin and Moses Joseph
Perault, Jr., will be married in St. Vincent
Ferrer's Church, Sixty-sixth street and Lexington avenue,

Miss Elizabeth Emley and George Eyeriste

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Morse will be married in Christ Church, Boule-Miss Elizabeth Emley and George Everlate Morse will be married in Christ Church, Boulevard and West Seventy-first street.

A reception and dance will be given under the auspices of the Ohio Society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria.

A charity cuchre party will be given at the residence of Mrs. John Elderkin, 150 West Eighty-third street.

Thursday, April 21. Miss Frances Thorley and Augustus Franklin Goodwin will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thorley, 330 West Seventy-second street. Miss Eloise Brown's subscription dance at the Mendelssohn rooms, West Fortieth street,

Friday, April 22, The Exclusive Euchre Club will hold its meeting at the home of Mrs. C. C. Cotta, 217 West 104th street.

The Avon Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Porter,

181 West Seventy-third street. Saturday, April 83. A subscription dance at Sherry's under the patronage of Mrs. B. S. Church, Mrs. F. R. Lef-terts, Mrs. Robert Hoe, Mrs. Henry Valentine, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish Morris, and Mrs. Albert

CHARLES W. HACKETT DEAD. The Chairman of the Republican State Committee Succumbs to Apoplexy. UTICA, N. Y., April 16,-A despatch from

Palatka, Fla., states that the Hon. Charles Wil-berforce Hackett of Utica, Chairman of the Republican State Committee of New York, died at that place at 7:35 to-night. Although Mr. Hackett was stricken with apoplexy last Thursday morning, no word as to is condition was received here until noon to

At that time John Howarth, a brother-in-law of Mr. Hackett, was summoned to Palatka by a



elegram announcing that his condition was ex-

eodingly critical. Two weeks ago, Chairman Hackett, accomnamled by his wife, left Utica for Palatka. He was in feeble health, being threatened with a recurrence of the attack which nearly brought his life to a close at the Kenmore Hotel in Albany, in 1897. His neart had been affected for some time.

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Charles W. Hackett was born in Utica 45 years ago, and, although he spent a streat deal of his time in this city, retained his home and business interests there. He was familiarly known to the frequenters of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and in the political fold, as Uncle Charley, and being a man of exceptional good nature, never objected to being addressed in this style. Mr. Hackett's birthplace was a part of Utica known as Frog Hollow. His father was a journeyman carpentor, who came to this country from England. After working at his trade for a number of years he became freight agent of the Utica and Black River Railroad. Charles W. Hackett went to the public schools of Utica, and when he was 19 years old and was ready to start out and tackle the world, his father found a place for him in the freight department of the railroad. After several years of service with the road Mr. Hackett went into the coal business. He made a success of if from the start. He became interested in a number of other enterprises and soon established himself as a successful business man. He had always been a Republican in politics, and was recognized by the leaders of his party, when he was still quite a young man, as an exceedingly shrowd and able politician. Mr. Hackett was for many years Chairman of the Excentive Committee of the Republican State Committee. During campaigns Mr. Hackett always spent his time in this city. He was always at headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Hotel from 10 in the morning until 30 at night. He was an under things seemed to be going against the party. The most grievous disappointment in his career was the result of the New York caupaign in 1892. He had figured on the achievement of a great Republican in a not of Mr. Hackett was ambitious to become one of the representatives of his antive State in the Senate. He announced his candidacy to succeed ex-senator Hillin 1896, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Platt. He had been spoken of as Senator Platt's successor. Mr. of his native State in the Senate. He announce his camildacy to succeed ex-Senator Hill in 1896 but withdrew in favor of Mr. Platt. He habeen spoken of as Senator Platt's successor. MI lackett was a very wealthy man. He was the principal owner of the slock of the Utle Heruid, and was interested in the conbusiness with Richard Marcy, the Republican leader of Jofferson county. He was also interested in a Utlea knitting mill. The only office that he ever held in his native cit was that of School Commissioner. He leaves widow and several children,

Oblinary Notes.

The Hon. Robert M. McLane, former Minister to France, died in Paris yesterday. He had been ill for some time. Robert Milligan McLane was born in Wilmington, Del., June 23, 1815. He received a part of his education at the College Bourbon, Paris. He took part in the Seminole

Rourbon, Paris. He took part in the Seminole war, and subsequently studied law and was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia in 1843. He served two terms in Congress from Maryland, was United States Commissioner to China, and in 1850 Minister to Mexico. He was elected Governor of Maryland in 1883 and resigned in 1889, when President Cleveland appointed him Minister to France.

Chevalier Casar A. Burattoni, President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and American agent of the London and Northwestern Railway, died at his home, 138 Buena Vista avenue, Yothers, yesterday of apoplexy. Chevalier Harattoni was a prominent man in Italian affairs in New York, and recently recuived a gold medial from King Humbert for his services in behalf of the Italian Government. He had been a resident of this country about twenty years and had travelled extensively, having formorly been manager of Cook's Tours. He was 47 years old, and leaves a widow and daughter.

Mrs M. Kate Reed, wife of Coi. Nate A. Reed, Jr., of Chicago, died on Friday. She was associated with her husband in the publication of the Banarr of Gold. Mrs. Reed was Vice President of the Chicago Woman's Press League.

CROKER HOLDS A LEVEE.

SHARRS A THOUSAND HANDS IN A BOWER OF 15,000 ROSES.

Tells in a Brief Speech How Happy and Proud It Makes Him to He Loved as the Democratic Club Loves Him-Plus Pertrait of Himself In Presented to Him.

The members of the Democratic Club gave a ception in the clubhouse last night in honor of Richard Croker, and Democrats to the number of 2,000 gathered there to greet the leader of Tammany Hall, The decorations were lavish, in all the rooms on first and second floors were hung with smilax, and along the walls were great clusters of American Beauty roses tied with broad bands of white ribbon. In the corners of the rooms stood great vases containing bright colored flowers, and on the mantel of the front parlor under-neath the new portrait of Mr. Croker was a cluster of 1,000 roses. There were also banks of ferns, tropical plants, and palm and bay trees of gigantic size. Here and there on the wall were hung banners of the national colors, and from the ceilings depended many streamers of red, white and blue bunting. More than 15,000

roses were used in the decorations. The crowd began to arrive at 6 o'clock, and from that hour until midnight the clubhouse was thronged. A band of music, which was stationed on the main played a variety stairway. and a buffet lunch was served on the three lower floors of the house. The souvenir was in the form of an album with covers of calfakin, on which was printed the following inscription in letters of gold:

Reception to

MON, RICHARD CROKER,
April 15, 180N,
DEMOCRATIC CUB,
NEW YORK.

There were six leaves, on the first of which appeared a reproduction of the oil portrait of Mr. Croker. The other pages were taken up with the menu and the names of the various committees having the affair in charge.

Mr. Croker arrived at 8 o'clock, and immediately went to his rooms on the second floor. A few minutes later he descended to the main parlor, and, standing under the new portrait, which
was covered by an American flag, he signifled that he was ready to receive his
friends. Mayor Van Wyck stood upon his
right. On his left was Comptroller Coler.
Among the others who stood near him were
Robert B. Roosevelt. John F. Carroll, and exScnator John Fox. A lane was opened through
the crowd and the guests, forming in line, went
forward and shook hands with Mr. Croker. He
had a word for nearly every one who approached.
After a while the handshaking function was
suspended and preparations were made for the
unveiling of the portrait. District Attorney
Gardiner was the speechmaker. He said in part:

"The pleasant and honorable duty has been
assigned to me by the Democratic Club of this
metropolitan city of addressing you upon this
occasion, when we shall unveil on these walls
your portrait, a symbol of our respect and
regard for you as a good citizen and
our appreciation of your potential services in support of Democratic principles,
which it is the duty of this club to foster and
diaseminate. From your first election to public
office in this city in 1867, and through successive elections to office or appointments by Mayors
Havemeyer, Edson, Hewitt and Grant, whether
in the capacity of Alderman, Coroner, Fire
Commissioner, or, lastly, in the highy responsible position of City Chamberlaif, a million, your political brethren in the few minutes later he descended to the main parin the capacity of Alderman, Coroner, Fire-Commissioner, or lastly, in the high-ly responsible position of City Chamber-lain, where your bond was given for-half a milliou, your political brethren in the Democratic party and your fellow citizens who had the opportunities of knowing, have ever-borne carnest witness not only to the stern in-tegrity and fidelity to duty which marked the performance of your public obligations, but the remarkable ability which you brought to that performance."

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Mr. Gardiner reviewed the efforts of the Strong administration and the Republican Legislature of 1895 to prove that Tammany was not honest. No party, he said, ever endured such a searchlight investigation, and no party ever came out so triumphantly and absolutely vindicated as Tammany Hall. In conclusion the speaker said to Mr. Croker:

"The members of this club entertain for you the most affectionate regard and esteem. That your approaching trip abroad may be both pleasant and profitable, and that, upon your return, you will lead the party to new victories, is the earnest desire not only of the members of this club, but of the great Democratic party of this city."

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Mr. Croker's reply was brief. He said:

"My Friends: To say that this is the happiest moment of my life but feebly expresses the feeling of love and gratitude I have for you. It is the natural and commendable ambition of every man to be loved and honored by his fellow men. We all strive for that end. I am happiest when surrounded by my friends. Most of you here to-night have been with me in many hard fought policical battles. It is my most sincere hope that we may be together for many more battles to come, and that in each and every one of them we may carry the Democratic banner to victory.

"In thanking you for this beautiful portrait, and for the kind expressions of recard and esteem you have altered. I can only repeat what I have always fell and said to you, that it has been and will be the dearest hope of my life to deserve the confidence, trust, and honor you have given me. Believe me, I am deeply grateful for this splendid souvenir of your friendship, and I shall try to be ever worthy of the great honor you have bestowed upon me.

"Again, my friends. I thank you. When I am with you you know that every hour of my life is at your service. When separated from you by space I am still with you in spirit, and all my hopes and aims are one with yours and the noble marty we all serve."

When Mr. Croker had finished speaking Corporation Counsel Whalen draw aside the flag which covered the leader's portrait, and there was a great burst of applause. The picture represents Mr. Croker had finished speaking Corporation Counsel Whalen draw aside the flag which covered the leader's portrait, and there was a great burst of applause. The picture represents Mr. Croker had finished speaking Corporation Counsel Whalen draw aside the flag which covered the leader's portrait, and there was a great burst of applause. The picture represents Mr. Croker standing in an easy attitude with his right hand resting on the back of

MOVEMENTS OF BRITISH WARSHIPS. British Troops to He Sent Across Canada on the Way to China-

HALIPAX, April 16 .- It is said that the dockyard authorities here have received word that the British cruiser Crescent, which was Admiral Watson's flagship on this station a year ago, is

Watson's flagship on this station a year ago. Is now fitting out at Portamouth to be recommissioned for the West Indian and North American station, and that the cruiser St. George will also join this squadron, now commanded by Admiral Sir John Fisher.

The British War Office has a standing agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railroad for the transportation of troops across the continent from Halifax to Vancouver. Communications are now passing reg rding the transport of a regiment to the Chinese territory recently acquired by England over the Canadian Pacific road and thence by the commany's steamers on the Pacific. the Pacific.

BROKER LEOPOLD'S LEG BROKEN. He Was About to Step from a Cab When the Horse Started and He Fell.

James M. Leopold of the brokerage firm of J. M. Leonold & Co. of 84 Broadway, fell from a hansom cab at Fifty-eighth street and Fifth a hansom can at Fifty-eighth street and Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon and his right leg was broken. He was about to step from the cab, when the cab horse started forward, throwing him to the payement.

Policeman Parker picked him up and lifted him into another cab. He was then taken to his home at 156 West Fifty-eighth street, where he was attended by his family physician.

BROADWAY GARDEN REOPENED. It's the Winston Hotel Cafe New and Has a New Proprietor

The place in the Tenderloin formerly known as the Broadway Garden, which has been closed since Bruno Bretschneider, the proprietor, was convicted of keeping a disorderly house, was reopened last night as the Winston Hotel Caré, Simon Buttner, proprietor of the Star Hotel on Twenty-eighth street, is the alleged proprietor of the new resort. The place is run under a hotel license. Updates, it is said, there will be smoking rooms exclusively for men.

Snenk Thief Lets Blamends in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 16.-Diamonds and jewelry valued at \$2,500, the property of Mrs. Moses Fraley and Mrs. Charles A. Stix of 4003 West Prine Boulevard, are being sought by the police. The articles were stolen last night by a bold aneak thief, who climbed the front porch and entered through a window. Mrs. Sitk is the wife of a wholesale merchant. The stolen articles obtains of pins, watches, and rings.